Braehmer attempts to evade Meroro by all cost

By Kayele M. Kambombo

WINDHOEK: The German boxing stable of WBO light heavyweight world champion Juergen Braehmer plays Mickey Mouse tricks with the Namibian camp of challenger WBO Africa light heavyweight champion Vikapita Meroro by dodging the fight.

At the outset Braehmer was challenged by a Spanish-born Alejandro Lakatus in the reigning WBO European light heavyweight, but according to the grapevine the latter changed his strategy.

Consequently, Braehmer’s camp opted for a Plan B, to cajole Meroro to replace Lakatus. With the arrival of Meroro in Hamburg, Germany, Plan B was reverted to the initial plan for Braehmer fight Lakatus.

Lakatus is ranked 8th in the world while Meroro is ranked 7th.

Meroro was left in the lurch for a day while until he was clued-up that he was scheduled to fight in the main event.

Meanwhile, the NFA Coaches Association is to be established in September this year.

Other issues to be covered during the course will be marketing, events management, and competitions, to be complimented by discussions and reports from the members on these topics.

The course forms part of the NFA’s policy of empowering its members in Football Administration and Management and ensuring that the game is elevated to its rightful level.

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The term of the deal also spans the all-important qualifying campaign for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.

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